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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Thurſday Auguſt 8, 1723.

From the Weekly Journal, Aug. 3.

LEtters from Dantzick and ſeveral other Places, take Notice of what we mentioned in our laſt, viz. That the Czar's Fleet was put to Sea from Cronſlot, with this additional Circumſtance, That the Duke of Holſtein and Two of his Privy Counſellors went on Board the ſame Fleet.

We have Advice, That ſince the Czar's naval Preparations, the King of Denmark has made ſome condeſcending Propoſals to his Czariſh Majeſty, which he formerly refuſed to hearken to; Theſe Propoſals are ſaid to be. Firſt, To recognize his Majeſty's Title as Emperor of Ruſſia. Secondly, To ſuffer all the Ships of Ruſſia to paſs the Sound Toll-free; and thereby to reſtore the Duke of Holſtein to all his Dominions and Territories, and even to the ſtrong Fortreſs of Toningen.

By private Letters from Holland we are informed, that the Czar's Fleet has been ſeen off of Copenhagen, which has put that Kingdom in a great Conſternation, and we cannot ſay, but they have Reaſon to be allarmed, if it be true, that the Czar has declared, he is reſolved to be Maſter of the Sound, and that a neighbouring State, who have always the Intereſt of their Commerce at Heart, connives at that Emperor's Expedition, upon a Promiſe he has made them, that all the Ships of that Country ſhall paſs the ſaid Sound Toll free.

We hear, that Application has been made to a certain Potentate, for a Squadron of Men of War to be ſent to the Baltick, but the ſame has for ſome Reaſons, been found to be impracticable at this Time.

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From the Flying Post.

Hague, Auguſt 7. Letters from Swiſſerland, &c. bring an Account of exceſſive Heats, and of ſeveral late violent Storms in thoſe Parts. One happened at Geneva the 25th ult. at Night, the moſt terrible they ever knew; for tho' it was all but of an Hours Duration, it tore up a great Number of Trees by the Roots, and the Hail ſpoilt one half of the Grapes. Another happened the Night before at Nunemberg, mix'd with Thunder, Lightning and Hailſtones ſo big, That ſome were of a Pound Weight; a great Number of Churches and Houſes were very much damaged, and the Fruits of the Earth ſuffered not a little.

Letters from Petersburg ſay, That the Czar intends to keep his little Grandſon at Court till he is arrived at 12 Years of Age; that he ſpares nothing for his Education, and is ſo well pleaſed with his Governour, that he has aſſigned him an annual Penſion of 100 Rubles, and admitted him a Member of the new Academy of Sciences.

Letters from Italy ſay, That the Cathedral of Milan was much impared by the late Fire there, and that the whole Damage amounts to above 400000 Livres. They have ſent 100,000 Ducats to Prague, towards the Coronation of their Imperial Majeſties; and the Government of Naples is upon Ways and Means to raiſe 400000 Crowns towards the Expence of their Majeſties Journey. 700000 Livres are remitted to Vienna, being the King of Sardinia's purchaſe Money for the Marquiſate of Spigno. The Pope is ſaid to be in perfect Health, and what Phyſick he takes is only by way of Precaution. The Pretender's Lady has made a Preſent of a very fine Head-dreſs, Value 500 Crowns, to Madam Louiſa Buoncompagni, who is going to be married to the Duke de Caſtel Sangio Caraccioli. My Lord Moleſworth, the Britiſh Miniſter, who is arrived with his Lady at Florence from the Bath of Lucca; is ſaid to have recovered a good State of Health. The Canton of Bern has under Conſideration, a Project to open a way to Italy thro' the Mountains of Swiſſerland.

They write from Prague, That two ſmall Medals of Gold and Silver are ſtruck, in Order to be diſtributed at the Coronation of their Imperial Majeſties, which is to be next Month; That one of them is to have the King's Effigies with this Inſcription *Revocas Auguſte priora*, and the other, the Queen's, with the Words, *Regina Jovis conjux*.

Letters from Stockholm ſay, That the States of the Kingdom have reſolv'd, That if they are obliged to proceed to a new Election by the Deceaſe of their preſent Majeſties without Iſſue, all the Foreign Miniſters ſhall be obliged to retire out of the Town with their Families, and not be admitted to return till the Election is over. The Committee of Commerce have given their Opinion, That the Calviniſts ought to be permitted the free Exerciſe of their Religion in the Kingdom: And tho' its ſtrenouſly oppoſed by the Lutherian Clergy, 'tis not doubted but it will paſs in full Diet by a great Majority. Madam Fleming, one of the Queen's Ladies of Honour, was married t'other Day to Lieutenant General Hamilton, in Preſence of their Majeſties, and whole Court of Sweden.

The King of Portugal has ſent Orders to his Miniſter here, to declare by a Memorial, That he will not ſuffer the Ships of his Subjects bound for the Eaſt Indies to be ſearch'd any more for the future, by ſuch of our Ships as happen to meet them in their Voyage.

Paris, Auguſt 7. Eight Reapers working lately at Amboiſe, four Leagues from this City, ſeeing a Wolf making up towards them, they had a great Dog which flew at him; but the Wolf being too hard for him, and the Reapers advancing to relieve the Dog, the Wolf firſt ſtrangled him, and then leap'd upon the Dog's Maſter, bit off half of his Face, and would certainly have devoured him, had not his Fellow Labourers kill'd the Beaſt outright with their reap Hooks. After he had wounded another in his Breaſt. The Surgeon of the Place refuſed to dreſs them, for Fear that the Wolf was Mad, ſo that they are carried for Cure to an Hoſpital. The King's Engraver is cutting the Effigies of the Cardinal Dubois, in order for Medals.

London

London, August 1. Some Days ſince a Man and a Woman in St. Anne's Pariſh Weſtminſter, went to let Blood, having previouſly agreed to drink a Glaſs of each others Blood: Which whimſical and ſavage Contract they accordingly performed.

His Majeſty's Ship the Dragon, Durſly Galley and Tryal Sloop are now in the Mediterranean: But the Report of a Squadron of Men of War being ordered for thoſe Parts ſeems to loſe Credit.

From the Evening Poſt.

London, July 30. That no Perſons may, thro' Ignorance of the Law, or Inadvertency, omit complying with, and ſo incurr the Penalties inflicted by an Act paſſed laſt Seſſion of Parliament Intituled *An Act to oblige all Perſons, being Papiſts, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and all Perſons in Great Britain, refuſing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, by ſeveral Acts herein mentioned, to regiſter their Names and Real Eſtates*: This may certify all Perſons whatſoever, both Men and Women, in *Scotland, England, Wales* and the Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, reſpectively being of the Age of 18 Years or upwards, and not having taken the Oaths therein mentioned, before the firſt Day of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, That they are obliged to take the Oaths within the Time, and in ſome of the Courts preſcribed for that Purpoſe, at their Peril, without any Summons or Notice for their ſo doing; or in Default thereof, to regiſter their Names and Real Eſtates, as they or any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for them, ſhall be ſeized of, or otherwiſe intereſted in, at the Time when they ought to have made ſuch Regiſter.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Auguſt 3.

London, Auguſt 3. On Wedneſday laſt, thoſe Lords of the Admiralty who were not preſent at the Trial of Capt. Dunning's moſt uſeful Engine for forcing Ships againſt Winds and Tides, met at Deptford to ſee the ſecond Trial: but the Weather proving very boiſterous, it was adjourned until next Noon.

Laſt Tueſday a young Woman, a Servant in this City, aged about 18, attempted to drown her ſelf in a Pound upon Epping Foreſt; but there not being Water enough, ſhe cut her Throat, and died immediately after the Time ſhe was found.

Laſt Week a certain Juſtice of the Peace was ſtopp'd in his Chariot near Woolwich, by a Cuſtom-houſe Officer, who took from him 300 Pounds-worth of Eaſt India Goods, which he was convoying clandeſtinely from on board an Eaſt India Man newly arriv'd.

A Treaty of Marriage, we hear, is on foot between Mr. Eliſha Levi, a young Jew, juſt come to a conſiderable Eſtate; and a Daughter of Mr. Moſes Hart, whoſe Fortune is ſaid to be 12000 *L.*

Laſt Wedneſday a conſiderable Number of the ancient Society of *Free Maſons*, met at the Crown Tavern againſt St. Clement's, Danes, in the Strand; where they had a ſplendid Entertainment, and a fine Concert of Muſic, occaſioned by Mr. Weatherhead's opening his Tavern that Day, he being one of that worſhipful Society.

There's Advice, that the great Pyrate Lowe has taken two Virginia Ships, the *Merry Chriſtmaſs* and *Baily*, bound for London; the former of which they were fitting up for a Pyrate Ship.

Our Merchants have Advice, That the Slooper Galley, Capt. Simcook, carrying Negroes from Guinea to Barbadoes, was lately loſt off that Iſland; but the Ship's Crew and Negroes were all ſaved.

From the Weekly Journal, Auguſt 3.

The Princes of Italy ſeem a little eaſier concerning the Turkiſh Fleet, being pretty well aſſured, by the Smalneſs of their Force, they have nothing in View but to offer an Exchange of Slaves to the Malteſe.

We hear, That the Books of the Flanders Eaſt India Company being open, ſeveral Dutch Merchants have employed Agents to ſubſcribe for them: Whether this be done with Deſign of being able to depretiate the Stock hereafter, or to profit by it, as Adventurers, a little Time will ſhew.

On Monday laſt the Dutcheſs of Ormond went out of Town for the Country-ſeat of the Earl of Arran, her Brother-in-law; and we hear, that a great Number of Tradeſmen and others, conducted her as far as Staines.

WYE's Letter verbatim, Aug. 3, 1723.

YORK Buildings Stock is at 8 *per Cent.* a great Fall from 150 *per Cent.* which was the Price at the Time of the general Infatuation. The Reſolutions which that Company came to at a general Meeting held laſt Wedneſday, are, *viz.*

That a further Time be allowed to the 14th of *Auguſt* next, for the Payment of the 2 & an half *per Cent.* Payment, of the preſent Call at 5 *per Cent.* And that a further Time be given to the 25 of *Auguſt*, for the remaining 2 and an half *per Cent.* And that ſuch Perſons and others, Transferrees, who ſhall have made their Payments as above, with all other Payments upon the Stock, ſhall receive for the ſaid Call of 5 *per Cent.* the Company's Bonds carrying an Intereſt of 5 *per Cent.* and payable 12 Months after Date, in lieu of the Annuities propoſed: But that ſuch Perſons as have purchaſed Receipts for Annuities on 2 Lives, without Stock, ſhall be entitled to Annuities only.

That all ſuch Proprietors, as ſhall not pay the 5 *per Cent.* and all Arrears of former Calls within the Times reſpective limited, ſhall not be entituled to any Bonds for or upon Amount of the ſaid Caſe, nor ſhall receive any Benefit or Advantage whatſoever, from or upon Account of their Stocks.

That the Court of Aſſiſtants be directed to make a Lottery, conſiſting of ſo many Tickets as ſhall anſwer to a Ticket for every 100 *L.* Stock, and the ſaid Tickets be valued at 4 *L.* 10 *s.* in Money, a Ticket on Annuities upon 3 Lives, and that ten Days after, publick Notice be allowed the Proprietors to take out the ſaid Ticket at 3 *L. per* Ticket; and that the remaining 30 *ſh.* ſhall be declared as a Dividend upon the 3d. Stock for Midſummer laſt, and that ſuch Tickets as ſhall not be taken out by the Proprietors, the Court of Aſſiſtants ſhall diſpoſe of as they ſhall think fit, but not under 4 *L.* 10 *ſh.* Money *per* Ticket.

Yeſterday, at a general Court of the South Sea Company, it was reſolved, that the Dividend for the Half Year due at Midſummer laſt, be 3 *per Cent.* That the ſame be payable 15th Inſtant. That the Books be opened the 31ſt Inſtant. That the Transfer for Annuities ſhall be Tueſdays and Thurſdays, and that the Transfer for Stock ſhall be as uſual.

The Managers and Directors of the State Lottery gave Notice, that the Miſtake was in the firſt Day's drawing, and the 500 *L.* Prize that was miſſing, was found on the 2d. File of Blanks that Day, againſt No. 36012, which is thereby intituled to that Prize; and that No. 1796 is intituled to 1000 *L.* as the laſt drawn Ticket, that being the Number next drawn, after the laſt drawn benefit Ticket.

Mr. Payne, Publiſher of the *True Briton*, was yeſterday admitted to Bail before Juſtice Powis, himſelf being bonnd in a Recognizance of 500 L. and his 2 Sureties in 250 L. each.

In that Paper publiſhed yeſterday, is inſerted a Quotation, which the Author donbts not, ſome People will think Treaſon and apply it when they had decyphered who they were.

We have ſtill more melancholly News to relate of the Miſchiefs committed by the Pyrates. The Ship Forewards which arrived yeſterday in the Downs from Virginia, was in her Paſſage plundered off of the Capes, by one Lowes, a Pyrate Commander, who had in his Poſſeſſion two other homeward bound Virginia Ships, viz. The Merry Chriſtmaſs, Capt. Cock, with 600 Hogs-heads Tobacco, and the Bailly, Capt. Graves, with 500 Hogs-heads more, the Tobacco belonging to Capt. Cock's Ship, the Pyrate threw over board, and deſigned to fit her up for their own Uſe, with the Utenſils belonging to the other Ship, and took out of the aforenamed 3 of the Sailors and the Surgeon.

P. S. On the 12 paſt, the Czar ſet out from Petersburg, to embark on Board his Fleet, which arrived the 14th before Revel.

The Advices from Ratisbon ſay, ſuch Differences are ariſen between the Envoys of the Emperor at the Diet, and the Britiſh Ambaſſador, that 'tis feared the Religious Grievances will ſtick longer a Hand, before they are redreſſed.

The Aſſagoa Ships arriv'd at Cadix, have on board near 1500000 Pieces of Eight, 1399 Bags of Cochineil, and as many of Indigo, 438 Bags of Jalops, 75 of Veneloes.

'Tis fear'd the Trade of the Oſtenders to the Eaſt Indies will produce a War.

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PROPOSALS, for Printing by Subſcription, The Ancient and Preſent State of the City and Suburbs of *Edinburgh*, containing,

I, AN Account of the Ancient and Modern *Names* given to the CITY, SUBURBS, and Places adjacent.

II, The *Foundation* and *Hiſtory* of the RELIGIOUS HOUSES, CHAPELS, COURTS of JUSTICE, COLLEGES, HOSPITALS, PUBLICK SCHOOLS, MARKET-PLACES, FOUNTAINS, *&c.*

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The Firſt *Part* will give an Account of the Ancient *Names* and *Hiſtory* of this CITY, and the *Foundation* and *Hiſtory* of the Abbay of *HOLY-ROOD-HOUSE*, and ſome other Religious Places.

All who have any *Charters* or any other Curioſities, that can contribute to the illuſtrating of the *Hiſtory* of this CITY and SUBURBS, are deſired to ſend them to *William Adams* Printer, over-againſt the *General Poſt-Office* in *Edinburgh*, where they ſhall be carefully preſerved, faithfully returned: And honourable Mention ſhall be made of all who aſſiſt in promoting ſo laudable and uſeful a Deſign.

Subſcriptions are taken in at *William Adams* his Printing-houſe, and by moſt of the Bookſellers in *Edinburgh*.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

*** That there is to be exposed to sale by way of voluntar Roup, upon the first Day of *October* next, the Dwelling-house and Pertinents, which belong'd to the deceast *Andrew Neilson*, Vintner in *St. Ninian's*, lying in the Village of *St. Ninian's* within a short Mile of the Burgh of *Stirling*, consisting of a large Court of Houses. On the one Side of the Clos in the first Story, a Kitchin with a Bed-chamber and a large Dining-room, finely pavemented, and a large Pantry. In the second, three fine Bed-chambers, with a large well lighted Closet. At the Head of the Close, in the first Story, a good large sufficient Room, with a Merchant Shop to the Street, and a Chamber or Back-shop; and in the second, two Bed-chambers. On the other Side of the Close, in the first Story, three good sufficient Cellars and good Brew-house: In the second, a good Bed-chamber, with two Rooms for Servants, with other Conveniencies, such as Hen-house, Byre, *&c.* And in the Middle of the Court, a fine Well with a sufficient Pump.

As also, a good sufficient Malt-barn and Coble at the End, which will steep 10 Bolls Bear, with a good Loft above, capable to contain 800 Bolls, and a large Kiln at the End: Also a good large Corn-barn, with a Stack-yard and Kitchin-yard contiguous; and likewise two good Stables, capable to hold 18 or 20 Horses.

As also near 4 Acres good and sufficient arable Land, an Acre and a Half of which, lies immediately at the *North* End of the said Village, on the *West* side of the Road leading from thence directly to *Stirling*, which may be feued out to good Advantage; and the rest of the Land upon the other side of the said Road capable of the same.

The Roup to be within the above Dwelling-house, betwixt the Hours of 10 o' Clock Forenoon and 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon. And the Writes to be seen in the Hands of *John Don*, Sheriff-Clerk of *Stirling*, or *Thomas Christie* Commissar-Clerk there.

N. B. The Furniture in the several Rooms will likewise be put to the Roup the said Day.

*** These are to give Notice, that upon the 13th of *August* next, by the Adjournment from *July* 29, in the House of *Arthur Reid*, Vintner in *Edinburgh*, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon, There is to be exposed to Sale by way of voluntar Roup, the Lands and Barony of *Tinwall*, with the Patronage of the Kirk of *Tinwall*, large Mansion-house, Orchyards, Yards and other Pertinents, holding Blench of the Crown: As also the Lands of *Brumtskairth*, holding Feu of the Lord of the Erection. The said Lands have a great deal of young Planting, Meadow, Moss, a good Stone-quarrie and other Conveniencies, and ly within 3 Miles of *Drumfries*: As also the Lodging in the *Covenant-Close* in *Edinburgh*, lately possest by the deceas'd *William Alves*, Writer to the Signet. The Rental, Articles of Roup and Progress of Writes are to be seen at the Writing-Chamber of *Andrew Alves*, at *Don's-Close-Head*, opposite to the *Luckenbooths*.

*** *That the Lands and Barony of* Auchinleck, *lying within the Parochin of* Moniki, *and Sheriffdom of* Forfar, *paying of yearly free Rent* 1060 *L.* 2 *sh.* 6 *d.* Scots *of Money*, 30 *Bolls*, 3 *Pecks Bear, and* 57 *Bolls*, 3 *Firlots*, 1 *Peck Meal; with the Mansion House, Orchards, Plantings and Inclosures; having a good Freestone Quarry, and good Moss and Muir belonging thereto; with a good Pidgeon-house, and* 46 1 *Half-dozen Poultry, and several other Conveniences not rentall'd; all holding Blanch of the Crown: Are to be exposed to Sale by voluntar Roup, upon the* 15*th Day of* August *next, in the House of* Thomas Gentleman *Vintner in* Dundee. *The Progress of Writs and Rental, with the Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of* James Johnston *Writer in* Dundee.

An Account of the Particulars may also be had at the Exchange-Coffee-house in Edinburgh.

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